

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-5 have been canceled without prejudice and without disclaimer. No claims have been amended. New claims 6-21 have been added to more clearly claim the present invention.

Claims 6-21 are therefore presently pending in the case.

II. Support for the Amendment to the Specification and Newly Added Claims

The specification has been amended to include reference to the co-pending U.S. Application. In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)(1)(iii), a marked up copy of the original paragraph is provided.

Claims 6-21 have been added to specifically claim additional aspects of the invention.

Claim 6 and dependent claims 7-10 find support throughout the specification as originally filed, in the sequence listing and particularly in the original claims.

Claim 10 and dependent claims 11-13 find support throughout the specification as originally filed, in the sequence listing and claims with particular support being found at least at page 11, lines 3-9.

Claim 14 and dependent claims 15-17 find support throughout the specification as originally filed, in the sequence listing and claims with particular support being found at least at page 11, lines 9-27.

Claim 18 and dependent claims 19-21 find support throughout the specification as originally filed, in the sequence listing and claims with particular support being found at least in Section 5.2.

It will, therefore, be understood that no new matter is included within the amended specification or the newly added claims and entry is therefore respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

Applicants submit that the present case is in condition for allowance, and such favorable action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, or believe that certain

amendments of the claims might serve to improve their clarity, a telephone call to the undersigned Applicants' representative is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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